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One on God's side is a majority.—Wendell Phillips.

MORE CARS THE REAL SOLUTION.

THE only really hopeful feature of the Interstate Commerce commission's order for the relief of the fuel shortage in New England is the requirement that the railroads shall restrict the use of open top cars to carrying coal. More cars and a better movement of the loads are really everything needed to solve the whole fuel problem of the country.

In the matter of movement the roads themselves ought to help the Interstate Commerce commission with practical advice. This coal region, for instance, could be put upon a 100 per cent production basis almost immediately if some arrangement were made to keep the terminals at Baltimore and Philadelphia clear and have the cars make quick trips from the mines to the coast and back again.

Another thing that should receive more attention than it seems to have been given up to this time is that while it is easy to clear up a freight jam or relieve a fuel famine in theory, it is quite another thing to do it in fact. If the Interstate Commerce commission wants to make certain that the measures it has planned are carried out it will have to take steps to police the whole enterprise, and the more efficient the policing the better results it will obtain.

There is need, in other words, for supervision which will be able to detect whether or not the transportation companies and their agents are giving whole hearted support to the program that has been adopted, and especially whether or not the roads are keeping faith in the matter of giving the right of way to coal traffic, not only out on the main stems but in the classification yards and on the feeder lines.

SHOULD ACT AT ONCE.

FREE text books for public school scholars are less important now than they ever were before. The people who used to feel keenly the cost of text books and school supplies now enjoy comfortable incomes, or could enjoy them if they were willing to take advantage of all the opportunities for employment at good wages which come their way. Nevertheless the action of the Board of Education of Fairmont Independent district on Saturday by which it was decided that free books shall be supplied to all who wish them will be commended generally. In a state where education is so highly valued that it is made compulsory the school authorities ought to see to it that it is absolutely free. This newspaper hopes that the time is not far distant in which every boy and girl in West Virginia will be able to go to school from the kindergarten to the finish of a full course in the university without one cent of expense to the parents beyond their share of the school taxes. Anything less than that falls short of democratic ideals.

There also will be general commendation for the decision of the board to take over the playground activities of the city and finance them out of the school funds. This is not an innovation. As a matter of fact Fairmont has been backward in this matter. In hundreds of cities they have playgrounds conducted under the supervision of trained men and women, and the system has been found to pay dividends in more ways than one. Inasmuch as all the children, even those who are too young to go to the schools, will share in the benefits of organized play, it is right that the expense should come out of funds raised by taxation.

There is, however, a regrettable indefiniteness about the

Board of Education's statement. Some weeks ago when the Y. M. C. A. was looking into the matter of playground facilities with the view of taking over their supervision in this city The West Virginian suggested that it would be proper to ask the school authorities to help to provide funds for the cause, because it is a community affair which should be supported by taxation rather than by contributions from a few public spirited men and women. Nothing seems to have resulted from that movement, and the announcement made by the Board of Education will discourage action from any other quarter. The result will be that unless the Board of Education means to act at once the children of Fairmont will have to go one more summer without playground opportunities. And that would be a matter for great regret. In this particular Fairmont is behind some of the mining towns that surround us.

PAYING THE FIDDLER.

THE secretary of the treasury calls public attention to certain leaks in the family pocketbook. He tells where money goes when it isn't spent for necessities or put away for the rainy day.

These figures were gathered by treasury experts from tax returns and other sources of information, and cover the period of one year. Here they are:

Chewing gum	50,000,000
Candy	1,000,000,000
Cigarets	800,000,000
Soft drinks, ice cream and soda	350,000,000
Perfumery and cosmetics	750,000,000
Cigars	510,000,000
Tobacco and snuff	800,000,000
Furs	300,000,000
Carpets and luxurious clothing	1,500,000,000
Automobiles and parts	2,000,000,000
Toilet soaps	400,000,000
Pianos, organs, phonographs	250,000,000

So went eight billion, seven hundred and ten million dollars. Average that up among some 25 million families in the United States and you have a per family expenditure upon luxuries of \$348, or nearly \$7 a week.

And, don't forget this, the labor and capital employed producing those luxuries might otherwise have been turning out necessities, clothes, fuel, shoes, houses, food. In other words, the nation might have had more bread if it had had less cake.

And, as is always the case, the dancer is paying the fiddler. In this instance the luxury-consumer is paying a higher price for his necessities because he is abnormally consuming luxuries.

Chicago has had another eruption of race rioting. And Chicago will keep right on having them until it gets ready to turn out the incompetent municipal government which it has been putting up with the past four years.

Yardmen in Philadelphia and Baltimore who went out on strike Saturday night say they are striking not against the railroads but against the Railroad Labor board. The Labor board has been distressingly slow, but striking does not punish it and it does undermine the support which the railroad workers have from the public. These sporadic strikes of the yardmen and trainmen have cost American business millions upon millions of dollars and they have not got the men who went out on a single thing. That is the most exasperating thing about it. They are undertaken blindly and apparently without caring in the least who will be hurt. Is it any wonder that the American people are earnestly seeking protection of some kind against such an evil?

The Times this morning makes the suggestion that freight distribution throughout the upper Monongahela valley could be very much improved by linking packet service on the river with the Monongahela Valley traction lines at a joint water and trolley terminal at Riverside. It is the best thought out plan for making the river useful to the people of this vicinity that has so far been advanced and it probably would be a success from every standpoint if it were put into effect. Conditions never were better for such an enterprise. The railroads are overworked and there cannot be any substantial relief for several years. In the meantime the people in the valley would learn to use and appreciate river traffic.

Department of Justice investigations bent on finding out what it cost to grow a bushel of wheat last year learned that it ran from \$1 per bushel to \$8.20 per bushel on the 250 farms picked out for the purpose. There is more of the \$8.20 kind of farming in this country than is generally supposed, and at bottom it is one of the things that make the cost of living high here. Farming is a regular business, requiring a rather large outlay of capital, and it should be conducted upon a business basis all the time. The men who cannot grow wheat at a profit ought to grow something else. And the same reasoning applies to other crops. If the farmer does not himself know what else to grow he can find out by writing to the university or applying to the county farm agent.

the arms of a lot of strap-bangers with the same luscious purpose, but she held her course. Traffic rules, she assumed, were never made for fair ladies who have lost umbrellas.

Better let me take care of that umbrella," said the man as they emerged from Hartley's, "you'll lose it again."

"I'm going to take it right home, was the decided answer. "If I ever lose mother's umbrella, she'd kill me," and she vanished in the crowd.

Then the man was sorrowful, murmuring, "Doggone it! Why did I mention that umbrella. She could have got it just as well Monday morning," and he wandered back to the Dixie. But although he saw several women eating popcorn, not one did he see using the same scheme to satisfy two senses simultaneously.

SLOGAN CONTEST RUNS UNTIL JULY 4

Some Snappy Expressions for Use in University Memorial Campaign.

The West Virginia State University Memorial slogan contest is to be extended until July 4. Dr. Frank B. Trotter, chairman of the slogan awards committee, states that many requests have been received asking that more time be given so that relatives and friends of the hundreds already interested in the contest may have a chance to submit a slogan. Five hundred slogans have so far been received by Dr. Trotter.

At a mass meeting held in Commencement hall on the State University campus yesterday (June 17), four hundred members of the West Virginia boys' and girls' agricultural club applauded with great fervor the announcement made by Dr. C. H. Murch, director of the Memorial campaign, that a great million dollar gymnasium, including a massive swimming pool, would be ready to welcome them within its doors upon their return to the university grounds at next year's meeting.

The boys and girls in the assembly, representing every county in the state, pledged themselves to submit a campaign slogan and it is expected that many good ones will be received from them.

The chance to win the twenty-five dollar prize for the best slogan is still open, as well as the dollar prize for the second best slogan.

In case of the same slogan being submitted by two persons, Dr. Trotter has ruled that the first slogan submitted will win the prize.

The following are a few of the slogans so far submitted:

"That we may conquer," Clara Rardin, Huntington, W. Va.

"Remember our sacrifice," H. E. Preston, Box 1093, Huntington, W. Va.

"Do it for the dead—dedicate it to the living," "They made the world safe. Make their memory secure," Stanley C. Morris, Wallace, W. Va.

"West Virginia's firm and true," H. E. McConnell, West Union, W. Va.

"We shall not fail," Beryl M. Shaw, Fairview Way, Amherst, Mass.

What People Say and Some Side Remarks

Brown Knotts, of Mannington, was discussing the nomination of Harding.

"I said last January that he would be the candidate for the Republicans. The only time I weakened was the Friday before he was nominated when he decided to be a candidate for the Senate and that was only for a brief time."

H. C. Anderson, of Hot City, who just had a circular regarding a new party, observed:

"We will have so many new parties after a while that a fellow won't know how to vote."

Mack Sennett, another Manningtonian, chimed in:

"Four more years of Democratic administration and we will all be on the bum."

Lee Arnett can talk of other things than politics at a time like this. He had this to say:

"No matter how 'ad a man may have been the newspaper speak well of him when he dies."

Lamp wicks which will last a year are made of asbestos bottled in wax. In the last 500 years Mexico has produced more silver than any other country in the world.

"AM FEELING FINE AND MY TROUBLES ARE ALMOST OVER"

This Statement Comes From Rodley, W. Va. Woman After Taking Nerv-lax.

"I am feeling fine now—sleep good all night—appetite good—all my troubles are leaving me and I am satisfied after I take a few more bottles of Nerv-lax that I will be myself again," writes Mrs. M. C. Martin, 12 John Street, Rodley, W. Va. "I was a great sufferer from headache, had dizzy spells and could not sleep nights and was very nervous. I was terribly constipated and my liver was in bad shape. I think Nerv-lax is fine and I certainly recommend it to anybody."

MRS. M. C. MARTIN,
12 John Street,
Rodley, W. Va.

Nerv-lax is on sale at Crane's Drug Store.

WEST POINTS 1930 HONOR MAN



JAMES BARLOW OILLUM JR.

Oillum is honor man of the 1930 class at West Point. He stood highest in his classes among all this year's new army officers.

Templars to Put On Work on Tuesday

Crusade Commandery, 9, Knights Templar, will confer the Order of the Temple upon a class of eight candidates at its meetings on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The meeting will start in the afternoon at 4 o'clock. Dinner will be served at 6 o'clock.

FUNERAL OF RICHARD NEFF

Funeral services over the body of Richard Neff whose death took place at Morgantown on Friday were held this morning at eight o'clock at St. Peter's Catholic church and burial was made in Holy Cross cemetery by Undertaker R. C. Jones.

French engineers have discovered phosphate deposits in Morocco that run from 75 to 90 per cent in phosphate content.

Don't ask for corn flakes ask for JERSEY Corn Flakes

and "Learn the Jersey Difference" The original thick flakes stay crisp in milk.



Ask your grocer

BOYS AND GIRLS HOME FROM MORGANTOWN

Had Fine Time Listening to Lectures and Seeing the Sights.

Marion county farm club boys and girls who were in attendance at Prize Winners Week at the university go home Saturday and they all report having had a very interesting and profitable time.

Every morning a lecture was given on farming and the afternoons were spent in visiting the various manufacturing plants around Morgantown. The ball game Thursday afternoon between Wood and Webster counties was a big attraction. Wood county was victorious.

The new officers of the West Virginia Boys and Girls club are as follows. Gladys Scranage, Taylor county, president; Raleigh Sawyer, Fayette county, vice president; Clara Arnett, Harrison county, secretary; Zion Belcher, Wayne county, treasurer.

The Marion countials in attendance are:

Uma Ione Dye, Metz; Marie Hawkenberry, Metz; Irene E. Laughlin, Metz; Pauline Laughlin, Metz; Bernice Ruby Kerr, Farmington; Jennie Kerr, Farmington; Grace Shanes, Fairview; Mildred Linn, Watson, Georgia Ornduff, Metz; Anna C.

Richardson, Farmington; Margaret Rose Wilson, Metz; Charles L. Alth, Farmington; Stanley Dallas Alth, Wallace; Andrew M. Bollman, Farmington; Lawrence Meryl Campbell, Metz; Howard T. Daugherty, Fairmont; Ray C. Gaskins, Fairmont; Herman J. Hant Metz; Charles L. Kern, Metz; Daniel Ray Hawkins, Broomfield; Albert Lee McCoy, Farmington; Hugh McDougal, Fairmont; Fred Ours, Fairmont; John Prichard, Fairmont; James Smith, Antioch; Harold Toothman, Baxter; John R. Yeager, Farmington.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ABOUT THAT DIRECTORY. FAIRMONT, W. Va., June 21, 1930. [Editor The West Virginian.]—Fairmont is to have a directory to fill what is acknowledged to be a long felt want. It should be a complete directory, an authoritative directory. There is no use of the Business Men's Association letting down the bars for a directory that does not outdo the last directory gotten out here under the name of Polk. The only explanation of the awful fiasco issued here last under the name of Polk is that Slow Polk got it out instead of R. L. Polk. If Fairmont is to support a directory let's have some sort of a guarantee that it will be a directory worthy of support. The Business Men's Association has merely given its moral support to a directory—it has not taken over the project of getting one out. ANXIOUS.

Restoration of the Louvain library, will cost the Germans \$1,000,000.

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SOUND BUSINESS AND GROWTH.

The use of sound and progressive business methods in the bank's management; the direct supervision by directors who are well known and successful men of affairs; the prompt and courteous attention to the wants of customers and a desire to satisfy them—these are some of the things which account for our steady growth. If you are not already a customer open an account and let us demonstrate how satisfactory our service is.

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RUFF STUFF

Between race riots and gang wars life in Chicago must be about as hectic as it is anywhere on earth.

No wonder the convention seemed tame at intervals to the reporters of the Chicago papers.

Town was on its good behavior and the customary fillop of sudden death and roar of dynamite bombs was absent.

We'll say this for the Traction company team—

If they were all as much in earnest as the press agent they would make the big lot clubs look like bushters.

And if the team really tries to live up to the rating the p. a. gives them it is going to involve quite a strain.

Man over in England says he has been able to convert sapphires into rubies by the use of radium after 20 years' constant work.

That guy sure is a quick thinker.

Radium was not discovered until 22 years ago.

And it was some time before the scientists began to suspect its real powers.

Guy browsing through some clay tablets at the University of Pennsylvania discovered a code of laws which is fully 5,000 years old.

And one of the statutes was designed to protect tenants from landlords.

That news ought to be comforting.

to the folks who were under the impression that they were the first and the only.

Suspect if we could read over those brick libraries with as much ease as we read over the sport page that we would discover that even the I. W. W. is an old story.

And that the theory Lenin tried to put into effect in Russia was found to be a fraud was back thousands of years before the flood.

Observations

By THE RAMBLER.

Suddenly the street door of The West Virginian office was pushed open, and a light step sounded on the floor.

"Oh," exclaimed a feminine voice, "is that thing alive?"

The solitary occupant of the room sprang to his feet, thus demonstrating at least to that extent, that he was no dead one.

"What is it?" he asked. "I don't know," pointing to the floor, "but I'm afraid of it. Is it alive?" she asked again.

"Come around this way," suggested the reporter, indicating the long counter running parallel to Main street.

So she came. Like one that on a lonesome road Doth walk in fear and dread, And having once turned round walks on.

And turns no more his head. Because he knows a frightful fiend Doth close behind him tread.

"I wouldn't have passed that for anything," she said with a shudder as she walked by the reporter's desk.

and over to the stairs leading up to the Fairmont Printing Co.

Seizing the only weapon at hand, a pair of scissors, the reporter pussy-footed over to the door, and there in the semi-darkness, gazing maliciously in the direction of the door, was an enormous frog, weighing about ten pounds used for a weight on the floor to hold the door open.

She stood in the lobby of the Dixie theatre eating popcorn out of a bag. Now there's nothing uncommon about that, but she looked enormously lovely in her white dress and there was an oddness about her style of getting on the outside of the delicacy that gave pause to a passing acquaintance.

"Never before," he asserted, "have I seen popcorn eaten out of a nose-bag," for she held the bag poised on the palm of her left hand and from time to time buried her lips and nose in the receptacle instead of pouring the popcorn into the other hand and eating it in the orthodox fashion.

"Have some," she offered, extending the bag.

"I want something that's good for the heart," said the man, gazing hungrily into her eyes, "and I don't think that stuff."

"There's a drug store on the next corner," she observed, hiding a smile in the bag.

"What are you doing here?" he then asked, seeing that those tactics were getting him nowhere.

"Oh, I'm just tired and I want to sit down but the theatre is filled."

"Why not lean on that umbrella that I saw you with about an hour ago, she began.

"Oh!" she exclaimed, "my umbrella!"

She looked in her left hand—a bag of popcorn. In her right a coat. Across the street was Hartley's and thither she made a bee line.

A young man driving a touring car up Main street, stopped with a suddenness that piled the people in the rear up against the front seat to avoid running her down. A motorman dislocated

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